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never picture them to our minds as really and naturally as we do other historical characters.

The book before us recognizes this truth, and, believing such a method of treating God's Word to be erroneous, seeks to remedy it by describing some of the sacred scenes in language such as we would use to-day in relating similar incidents. Events occurring on mountain tops are the ones which are generally depicted. Ararat, Moriah, Sinah, Hor, Tabor, Carmel, Lebanon, Zion and Calvary are spoken of, while scenes in the lives of Joseph, Ruth, Samuel, Eli, Absalom, Daniel and Christ are related. The author has succeeded much better than the majority of those who have undertaken the same work; and some of his descriptions are extremely vivid and realistic, *e. g.*, his description of the Flood, the Passage of the Red Sea, the story of the Nameless Prophet (1 Kgs. XIII.), and the Mount of Olives.

The book does not pretend to be a scholarly or scientific treatise, but accomplishes in good degree the end proposed. Some of the illustrations would better be left out, as they detract from the interest of the work.

HELLMUTH'S BIBLICAL THESAURUS.*

It is undoubtedly true that no book has suffered so much at the hand of would-be expositors as the Bible. Its friends have, in this particular, done it vastly more harm than its enemies. The book before us is but one of many ill-devised, impracticable attempts to help in an understanding of the Bible. The industry exhibited by its author is commendable, but his judgment and scholarship are scarcely equal to the task which he has set for himself. Supplied with this work, the student needs no text, no lexicon, no concordance, no grammar, no reference-book of any kind. It is *multum in parvo*,—so much so, in fact, that the little of good contained in it is difficult to find. One would suppose that, in this day of advanced scholarship, no writer would care to identify the Hebrew 'ērēts (*earth*) with the German *erde* and the Latin *terra*; the Hebrew rā'ā (*to see*) with ὁράω; rāqī(ā)' (*expanse*) with the English *to rack*, *to stretch*; or yābbāshā (*dry land*) with the Greek βάσις. These, however, are but examples of a thousand or more derivations proposed by our author.

The plan of this book is absurd, the execution of the plan still more so. The book will not only fail to aid the student, but will do him great injury by its false statements and undigested material. We fail to discover any good purpose which this volume is likely to accomplish. It would seem probable that the one hundred and twenty-eight pages covering Genesis I.—XVI., given us in this Part I. of Vol. I. would satisfy all demand for publications of this sort.

* BIBLICAL THESAURUS; or, A literal translation and critical analysis of every word in the original languages of the Old Testament, with explanatory notes in appendices. By Right Rev. J. Hellmuth, D. D., D. C. L., Assistant to the Bishop of Ripon. Genesis i. to xvi. Vol. I., Part I. Pp. 128. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row. Price, 5 shillings.